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### **Legal Education**

University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, Montana  
J.D., 1980

### **Mediation Training**

American Arbitration Association, 40-hour Mediator Skills Training -2005  
Northwest Dispute Resolution Conferences, 16-hour Skills Trainings, University of Washington School of Law, 2006-07, 2010-11, 2012-2013  
Domestic Violence and Mediation Certificate Course, Univ. of S. Florida, 2006  
Assoc. for Conflict Resolution Conference, 24-hour Skills Training -2006  
Divorce and Custody Mediation Training, Z. Zumeta, 24-hours Skill Training, 2008

### **Special Ed Hearing Officer Training**

CADRE's 5<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Dispute Resolution in Special Education, 23-hour Skills Training, 2011; Alaska EED Hearing Officer Training 2012, 2013

### **Graduate**

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Anthropology/Archeology MA work, 1973-1977

### **Undergraduate**

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana  
B.A., *Cum Laude*, Anthropology & Sociology 1973

### **High School**

Chagrin Falls High School, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 1973, with honors

### **Legal Experience**

1995 - Present

**Simpson, Tillinghast, Sorensen & Sheehan, P.C.**

Co-Founder, Vice President/Corporate Secretary.

1982 - 1995

**Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot.** Shareholder.

1981 - 1982

**John E. Hoffman, Oil, Gas & Minerals, Inc.** Salt Lake City, Utah. General Counsel.

1981

**Yellowstone County Attorney's Office.** Billings, Montana. Deputy County Attorney.

1980 - 1981

**Christensen and McLean Law Offices.** Stanford, Montana. Attorney.

### **Principal Areas of Practice**

ADR—IDEA Due Process Hearing Officer, ADOT Contract Claims Hearing Officer, organizational consulting, commercial and residential law; construction contracts; construction defects; commercial sale and purchase transactions; real estate; and labor law and arbitrations.

### **Admitted to Practice**

- Montana, all State and Federal Courts, 1980
- Alaska, all State and Federal Courts, 1982
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1982
- Supreme Court of the United States, 1983

### **Professional Organizations and Memberships**

- Member, Association for Conflict Resolution
- Alaska Bar Fee Arbitration Committee and Mediation Panel
- Member, Alaska Bar Committee ADR Section
- 1994-1998 CBJ Planning Commission and Wetlands Review Board
- Alaska and Montana Bar Associations
- 1991-1999 Alaska State Museum Collection Advisory Committee
- Southeast Alaska Area Council, Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout)
- President, Juneau Housing Trust, Inc. (non-profit affordable housing)
- President, Alaska Housing Development Corp. (non-profit affordable rental housing)